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SUBJECT: US-ROK DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND R&D COOPERATION: A
PROGRESS REPORT

REF: SEOUL 2418

1. WE AGREE WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE REFERENCE
MESSAGE THAT THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE FATE OF THE
COMPENSATION PACKAGE RELATED TO U.S. GROUND COMBAT FORCE
WITHDRAWAL MAKES IT PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME
TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ROK'S INDIGENOUS
DEFENSE INDUSTRY.

2. THE PROGRESS REPORT SET OUT BELOW IS KEYED TO THE
SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF PARA 1 OF THE REFERENCE.
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A. ROKIT - EA/K HAS APPROVED, AND WE EXPECT THE DEPARTMENT
TO APPROVE SHORTLY, A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
DETAILING THE COOPERATION THE USG IS PREPARED TO EXTEND
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROK INDIGENOUS TANK. THE REVISED
MOU IS RESPONSIVE TO KOREAN DESIRES.

B. IMPROVEMENT OF 105/155 ARTILLERY - A SEPARATE DOD
MESSAGE CONFIRMING OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ON THIS

WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

C. SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE REQUIREMENTS STUDY - ACTION
ON THIS MUST AWAIT POLICY DECISIONS GROWING OUT OF THE
PERRY TRIP RECOMMENDATIONS.

D. NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY - UPGRADING TO SECRET HAS
BEEN APPROVED SUBJECT TO NEW SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY
PROCEDURES IN ROK.

E. SCATTERABLE MINES - MUST AWAIT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
POLICY DECISIONS.

F. ARMOR PIERCING ROUND - MUST AWAIT POLICY DECISION.

3. DOD/STATE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE MEETING NEXT WEEK
TO ADDRESS PERRY RECOMMENDATIONS. PAPER CONTAINING THOSE
RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO YOU WHEN WE HAVE
RECEIVED IT FROM DOD. COOPER

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